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St. James's, January 6.

THE King has been pleaſed to order a Congé d'Elire to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Exeter, empowering them to elect a Biſhop of that See, the ſame being void by the Death of Doctor Frederick Keppel, late Biſhop thereof; and likewiſe a Letter for His Majeſty's Royal Signature, recommending to the ſaid Dean and Chapter the Reverend Dr. John Roſs to be by them elected Biſhop of the ſaid See.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Mr. Archibald Campbell, one of the Six Ordinary Clerks of Seſſion in Scotland, to be ſole and only Clerk and Keeper of the Regiſters appointed for the Regiſtration of Tailzies and Inventaries of Heirs ſerving cum Beneficio, in the Room of Mr. William Kirkpatrick, deceaſed.

The King has been pleaſed to preſent the Reverend Mr. James Wilſon to be Miniſter of the Church and Pariſh of Maryton, in the Preſbytery of Brechine and County of Forfar, now vacant by the Death of the Reverend Mr. James Beattie, late Miniſter there.

The King has been pleaſed to grant unto Mary Hopewell, of Hatfield in the County of Hertford, Spinſter, Daughter of Robert Hopewell, of Wilford in the County of Nottingham, His Royal Licenſe and Authority to take and uſe the Surname of Samborne only, and alſo to bear the Arms of Samborne, (ſuch Arms being firſt duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Heralds Office;) purſuant to the Requeſt of Richard Samborne, of Buſh Hall in the ſaid County of Hertford, Eſq; and alſo to order, that this His Majeſty's Conceſſion and Declaration be regiſtered in His College of Arms.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 6, 1778.

Such Ladies as deſire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Monday the 19th Inſtant, are requeſted to ſend their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Friday the 16th; and to ſend for their Tickets the next Day, (Saturday) between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon.

N. B. No Attendance will be given at this Office on the Day of the Ball after Two o'Clock.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 6, 1778

To prevent the Inconveniencies which have ariſen from the Space before Their Majeſties, which is allotted for Minuet Dancing, being exceedingly crowded, it is requeſted that thoſe Ladies only who mean to dance will ſend for Dancers Tickets, and fit in thoſe Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.

[Price Threepence-Halfpenny.]

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 12th of *December*, 1777,

PRESENT,

The King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the 25th of October 1776, to promiſe and declare, That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majeſty's Service, ſhould be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to every ſuch Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, who ſhould, on or before the 31ſt of December then following, enter themſelves to ſerve in His Majeſty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majeſty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board ſuch Tenders as ſhould be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of the Royal Navy. And whereas His Majeſty was alſo pleaſed, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the 8th Day of November, 1776, to promiſe and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, ſhould be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to any Perſon who ſhould diſcover any Seaman or Seamen, who might ſecrete themſelves, that ſo ſuch Seaman or Seamen ſhould be taken for His Majeſty's ſaid Service, by any of His Majeſty's Sea-Officers employed for raiſing Men, on or before the ſaid 31ſt Day of December. And whereas His Majeſty was likewiſe pleaſed, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the 15th Day of Auguſt laſt, to promiſe and declare, That every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhould voluntarily enter himſelf to ſerve on Board any of His Majeſty's Ships, on or before the 31ſt Day of October then next, ſhould receive as of His Majeſty's Royal Bounty, the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man, to be paid in Manner thereby directed. And whereas the Time limited by the ſaid Proclamations, for Payment of the ſaid Bounties and Rewards, hath been prolonged and extended to the 31ſt Day of this Inſtant December; and it being judged expedient for His Majeſty's Service that the ſaid Bounties and Rewards ſhould be continued to be paid for ſome Time longer; His Majeſty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Time limited for Payment of the ſaid Bounties and Rewards be prolonged and extended from the ſaid 31ſt Day of this Inſtant December, to the 28th Day of February, 1778, inclusive.—— Whereof all Perſons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themſelves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell.

St. James's, December 9, 1777.

WHereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That William Yeal, James M'Clellan, William Rumford, and Martin Shepherd, Officers of the Customs at Hartlepoole in the Port of Stockton, having, about Eleven o'Clock in the Night of the 14th of last Month, seized on the Sea Coast near that Port, from Three Men belonging to a Smuggling Vessel, Twenty-five Bags of Tea and Three Bags of Coffee Berries, which they conveyed to the Custom House at Hartlepoole aforesaid, and there continued guarding the same till about Twelve o'Clock at Night, when it was surrounded by Fifteen or Sixteen Men belonging to the said Smuggling Vessel, armed with Blunderbusses, Pistols, and other offensive Weapons, several of which they discharged through the Windows and Door of the said Custom-House, and afterwards feloniously broke and entered the same, when the Officers were obliged, for the Preservation of their Lives, to retreat into the Warehouses above Stairs; that they afterwards fired through the Ceiling into the Warehouse where the Officers had retired to, and thereby put their Lives in the utmost Hazard; that they then broke open the Warehouse Door, presented a Blunderbuss to the Breast of the said James M'Clellan, and threatened to destroy him and the rest of the Officers, if they made the least Resistance; and by Force and Violence rescued and carried away the said Tea and Coffee, so seized by the said Officers, and lodged for safe Custody in the said Custom-House:

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in breaking open the said Custom-House, and rescuing and carrying away the said Goods, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the said Offenders, who shall discover his Accomplices, so that Two or more of them may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SUFFOLK.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS, to the Person discovering and apprehending the said Offenders, to be paid by the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs, upon Conviction.

Edw. Stanley, *Secretary.*

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Sloop Alderney, Anthony Parrey, Esq; Commander, who were actually on board at the Taking of the Ship Commerce, Samuel Williams Master, on the 7th of July last, from South Carolina to Holland, That their respective Shares of Prize Money for said Ship and Cargo will be paid on Monday the 12th Instant, on board the Alderney at Yarmouth; and the Shares then remaining unpaid will be recalled the First Thursday in every Month for Three Years to come, at Mess. Marsh and Creed's, No 15, Savage-garden, Tower-hill, London.

Marsh *and* Creed, *Agent to the Captors.*

PUrsuant to an Order of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster, made in a Cause wherein Robert Thomas and Evan Francis are Plaintiffs, and William Morris and others Defendants, the said Plaintiffs and the several other Persons hereunder and in the said Order mentioned, or their respective Representatives, are, on or before the 1st Day of March next, to claim, before Francis Ingram, Esq; Deputy to His Majesty's Remembrancer of the said Court, at the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Inner Temple, the respective Sums set against their Names, the same being reported due to them in the said Cause, or in Default of the said Sums being claimed as aforesaid, the same will be disposed of in such Manner as the said Court shall direct.

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The said Plaintiff Robert Thomas - -	38	16	8
The said Plaintiff Evan Francis - -	99	9	6
James Marpole - - - -	10	15	7
Mary Roberts - - - -	16	12	11
Ellen Lewis - - - -	3	2	0
Ellis Evan - - - -	14	18	8
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Margaret Owen - - - -	4	6	11

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By Captain JOHN KNOX.

"Ne quid falsi dicere audeat, ne quid veri non audeat."

Printed for E. Johnston, and sold by T. Longman, in Pater-noster-row.

N. B. There are but a very few Copies of the above Work remaining unsold.

TO be sold, before the major Part of the Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against John Horobin, late of the Parish of St. George Hanover-square in the County of Middlesex, Mason, Dealer and Chapman, at Guildhall, London, on Friday the 23d of January instant, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, in Two Lots, Two new Leasehold Houses lately belonging to the said Bankrupt; One being No 12, in St. George's-row near Hyde park-corner, held for a Term of 88 Years and an Half from Christmas last, at a Ground-rent of 4l. 10s. per Annum, worth to let 26l. per Annum, and the other an unfinished House, being No 6, in Kingsland-row near Kingsland-turnpike, held for a Term of 50 Years and an Half from Christmas last, at a Ground-rent of 5l. 5s. For farther Particulars apply to Mess. Basil and William Herne, Pater-noster-row.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against William Clarke and Robert Collins, of Pater-noster-row in the City of London, Booksellers, Dealers and Chapmen, (surviving Copartners of Lacey Hawes, late of the same Place, Bookseller, deceased) are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupts Estate and Effects, on Friday next, the 9th Instant, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Anderton's Coffee-house, in Fleet-street, in order to assent to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending any Suit or Suits in Law or Equity for recovering any Part of the said Bankrupts Estate and Effects; and to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Drew Drury, otherwise Dru Drury, otherwise Drury Drury, of the Strand in the County of Middlesex, Goldsmith, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of his Estate and Effects, on Thursday next, at Six o'Clock in the Evening precisely, at the Bank Coffee-house, Cornhill, to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending, any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; and to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Ninian Trotter, of the Borough High-street, in the Parish of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, in the County of Surry, Oilman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, on Tuesday next, the 13th Instant, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, at the King's Head Tavern in the Poultry, London, to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending, any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Thomas Sherwood, late of Houndsditch, London, Woollen-draper, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, on Friday the 9th of January instant, at Five in the Afternoon, at the Angel, in Johnstreet near the Minories, London, to assent or dissent from the said Assignees agreeing to deliver up certain Securities given by Samuel Robinson to the said Bankrupt, in Consideration of having the said Bankrupt's Estate discharged from the several Bills,

Bills, Notes, and other Engagements entered into by the Bankrupt, for the ſaid Samuel Robinſon; and to aſſent to or diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending, one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; or to their compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt John Fletcher, of Red-bull-yard, Clerkenwell, in the County of Middleſex, Soap-maker, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 8th and 19th Days of January inſtant, and on the 17th Day of February next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, on each of the ſaid Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Henry Adams, Mark-lane, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt James M'Lean, of the Strand in the County of Middleſex, Coffeeman, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 12th and 14th Days of January inſtant, and on the 17th Day of February next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon on each of the ſaid Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chooſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Leiceſter, Attorney, Brook-ſtreet, Holborn.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt John Pears and Joſeph Porter, late of the Pariſh of St. Mary le Bone in the County of Middleſex, Dealers, Chapmen, and Copartners, and they being declared Bankrupts, are hereby required to ſurrender themſelves to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 13th and 20th Days of January inſtant, and on the 17th Day of February next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon on each of the ſaid Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of their Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chooſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupts are required to finiſh their Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of their Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupts, or that have any of their Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Iſaac, Attorney, White-ſtreet, Little Moorfields.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt John Crooke, late of Watling-ſtreet, London, Silkman, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 19th Day of January inſtant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, to chuſe a new Aſſignee or Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects, in the Room of the late Aſſignees, deceaſed, purſuant to an Order of the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the ſame, and, with thoſe who have proved their Debts, vote in the Choice of a new Aſſignee or Aſſignees accordingly.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued forth againſt Richard Hand, of Milk-ſtreet, London, Warehouſeman, (ſurviving Partner of John Bagnall the Younger, late of the ſame Place, Warehouſeman, deceaſed) intend to meet on the 3d Day of February next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of Mr. Alſop, called the Bull's-head, in Mancheſter in the County of Lancaſter, in order to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be diſallowed.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt William Sedden, jun. of Lothbury, London, Warehouſeman, intend to meet on the 3d Day of February next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, (by Adjournment from the 3d of January inſtant) at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be diſallowed.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt Jonah Gunn, of Birmingham in the County of Warwick, Druggiſt, Grocer, and Chandler, intend to meet on the 30th Day of January inſtant, at Four in the Afternoon, at the Hen and Chickens, in High-ſtreet, Birmingham, to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be diſallowed.

WHereas the acting Commiſſioners in the Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Miles Barber, late of Liverpool in the County of Lancaſter, Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, have certified to the Right Hon. Henry Earl Bathurſt, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the ſaid Miles Barber hath in all Things conformed according to the Directions of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that, by virtue of an Act paſſed in the 5th Year of His late Majeſty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the ſaid Act directs, unleſs Cauſe be ſhewn to the contrary on or before the 27th Day of January inſtant.

WHereas the acting Commiſſioners in the Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt William Hillier, of Broad-ſtreet, St. Giles's, in the Pariſh of St. Giles in the Fields in the County of Middleſex, Tire-ſmith, Dealer and Chapman, have certified to the Right Honourable Henry Earl Bathurſt, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the ſaid William Hillier hath in all Things conformed himſelf according to the Directions of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that, by virtue of an Act paſſed in the Fifth Year of His late Majeſty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed, as the ſaid Act directs, unleſs Cauſe be ſhewn to the contrary on or before the 27th Day of January inſtant.

THE following Perſons being Fugitives for Debt, and beyond the Seas, on the TWENTY-SECOND Day of JANUARY, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſix, and having ſurrendered themſelves to the Goalers or Keepers of the reſpective Goals or Priſons hereafter-mentioned, do hereby give Notice, That they intend to take the Benefit of an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty King George the Third, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors; and for the Relief of Bankrupts in certain Caſes*; at the next General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace or any Adjournment thereof, to be held in and for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, Liberty, or Place, or any Adjournment thereof, which ſhall happen next after THIRTY Days from the FIRST Publication of the undermentioned Names. And they do likewiſe give Notice, That true and perfect Schedules, containing a Diſcovery of all their Real and Perſonal Eſtate, (hereafter to be ſworn to) are now ready to be delivered to any Creditor applying for the ſame to the Gaolers or Keepers, or their Deputies, purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid Act.

Fugitive ſurrendered to the Keeper of the KING's BENCH Priſon in the County of Surry.

Second Notice.

Moſes Nathan, formerly of Gravel-lane, Houndſditch, London, late of Paris in France, Merchant.

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Admiralty Office, January 8, 1778.

THE following is an Extract of a Letter received laſt Night by the Eagle Packet from the Vice Admiral Lord Viſcount Howe, Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels in North America, to Mr. Stephens, dated on Board His Majeſty's Ship the Eagle, in the Delaware, the 23d of November, 1777.

Eagle, Delaware, November 23, 1777.

SIR,

THE General adviſing me of his Intention to ſend a Packet immediately to England, I avail myſelf of the Opportunity to acquaint you, for the Information of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, reſpecting the Progreſs of the Military Services in which the Ships of War have been concerned, ſince the Date of my laſt Letter of the 25th of October.

I mentioned in that Letter the Preparations making for the Attack meditated on the Works the Rebels had conſtructed on either Shore, for preventing an open Communication by Water with the Army at Philadelphia, on which it was obvious to them that the farther Operations of the Campaign would greatly depend.

The Wind ſtill continuing to prevent the Vigilant from paſſing to the Rear of the Enemy's Works on Fort Iſland, by the only Channel practicable for that Purpoſe, the Opportunity was taken by the King's Forces, and by the Enemy with equal Aſſiduity, to ſtrengthen the Preparations judged expedient on either Part for the propoſed Attack.

The Officers and Seamen of the Ships of War and Tranſports were employed in the mean Time, with unremitting Fatigue and Perſeverance, to convey Proviſions, Artillery, and Stores, to the Schylkill, between Fort-Iſland and the Penſylvania Shore, 6 Twenty-four-Pounders from the Eagle, and 4 Thirty-two-Pounders from the Somerſet, tranſported in the ſame Manner, with the requiſite Proportions of Ammunition, were mounted in the Batteries erected by the General's Appointment on Province-Iſland.

The Wind becoming favorable the 15th Inſtant, that Firſt Occaſion was taken for ordering the Ships upon the intended Service.

The Somerſet and Iſis were appointed to proceed up the Eaſtern Channel of the River, to act againſt the Fort in the Front. The Roebuck, Pearl, and Liverpool, with the Cornwallis Galley, and ſome ſome ſmaller Armed Veſſels, againſt a Battery with heavy Artillery which the Rebels had lately opened on a Point above, and near to Manto Creek, in a Situation to rake the Ships anchored to fire upon the Fort, and more advantageouſly choſen, as the Shoalneſs of the Water did not admit Ships to approach within a deſirable Diſtance of the Work.

The Vigilant, with a Hulk mounting 3 Eighteen-Pounders, commanded by Lieutenant Botham of the Eagle, proceeded at the ſame Time through the Channel round Hog Iſland, and anchored on that Side the Fort, according to the Intention pointed out for co-operating with the Batteries on the Penſylvania Shore.

The Iſis, being as well placed in the Eaſtern Channel as the Circumſtances of the Navigation would permit, rendered very eſſential Service againſt the Fort and Gallies, much to the perſonal Honor of Captain Cornwallis, and Credit of the Diſcipline in his Ship. The Roebuck and other Frigates ſtationed againſt the Battery were equally well conducted.

Greater Caution being neceſſary in placing the Somerſet, that Ship could not be carried as far up the Channel as the Iſis was advanced.

The Impreſſion made by the Batteries on Province Iſland (before very conſiderable) being united with the well-directed Efforts from the Vigilant and Hulk, ſoon ſilenced the Artillery of the Fort; and farther Preparations being in Progreſs for opening the Eſtocade and forcing the Works next Morning, the Enemy ſet Fire to and evacuated the Fort during the Night.

The Numbers of the Enemy killed and wounded appeared to have been very conſiderable. Thoſe in the different Ships, as ſtated in the annexed Return, were much leſs than could be ſuppoſed, particularly of the Iſis and Roebuck, which were ſtruck many Times from the Gallies and Works.

As a farther Evidence to their Lordſhips of the meritorious Conduct of the ſeveral Officers therein named, I have added the General's concurring Sentiments ſignified to me on the Occaſion. Captain Duncan remained ſeveral Weeks with the Army, to ſuperintend the different nautic Services and Preparations before-mentioned.

A Detachment from the Army under the Command of Lord Cornwallis, having been landed the 18th at Billingport, (where a Poſt had been ſome Time before eſtabliſhed) for attacking the Redoubt at Red-Bank, the Enemy abandoned and blew up the Work. They had paſſed ſeveral of their Gallies unperceived above the Town of Philadelphia, in the Night of the 19th, which proved very favorable for the Purpoſe; and attempted to do the ſame with the Reſt of the Gallies, and other Water-Force the following Night: But being ſeaſonably diſcovered, they were oppoſed with ſo much Effect, by Lieutenant Watt, of the Roebuck, (ordered by Captain Hammond, before my Arrival, to take his Station in the Delaware Prize, near the Town) that, not more

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more than Three or Four of the former appeared to have escaped: And being otherwise unable to prevent the Capture of the Reſt of their Arm'd-Craft, (conſiſting of Two Zebecques, the Two Floating-Batteries, and ſeveral Ships, beſides Fire-Veſſels, amounting to about Seventeen in Number) they were quitted and burnt. Lieutenant Watt having teſtified great Propriety and Spirit on this Occaſion, I have continued him in the Command of the Delaware, retained as an Arm'd-Ship in the Service, to remain near the Town of Philadelphia, where ſuch additional Naval Force is particularly requiſite.

A more accurate Inſpection of the Obſtructions to the Navigation of the River adjacent to Fort-Iſland, becoming practicable under the Circumſtances before-mentioned, two Channels were diſcovered through which the Tranſports, containing the Proviſions, Stores, and other Neceſſaries for the Army might proceed to Philadelphia. They were ordered up the River accordingly, to be afterwards ſecured at the Wharfs of the Town, for the approaching Winter Months.

The unfortunate Event of Lieutenant General Burgoyne's Operations with the Northern Army terminating, as I am adviſed by the Commander in Chief, with the Surrender of thoſe Troops agreeable to the Tenor of a Convention executed the 16th of laſt October, has rendered a ſuitable Proviſion neceſſary to be made for their Conveyance to Europe. A proper Number of Tranſports has been appropriated for that Occaſion. But as it would be ſcarce practicable at this Seaſon of the Year for light Tranſports to gain the Port of Boſton, where the Embarkation is conditioned to take Place, the Tranſports have been ordered under Convoy of the Raiſonable to Rhode-Iſland; that if the propoſed Alteration is adopted, and the Troops can be embarked at that Port, they may be ſooner releaſed.

The following are Copies of the Papers referred to in the aforementioned Extract.

Return of the Number of Men killed and wounded on board the different Ships employed in the Attack of the Works of the Enemy on Fort Iſland, their Armed Craft, and other Defences erected to obſtruct the Paſſage of the River Delaware, on the 15th Day of November, 1777.

Somerſet. 5 Seamen wounded.
Iſis 3 Seamen wounded.
Roebuck. 3 Seamen killed, 7 ditto wounded.
Liverpoole. None.
Pearl. 1 Maſter killed, 3 Seamen wounded.
Vigilant. 1 Midſhipman, 1 Seaman, killed; lent from the Eagle.
Cornwallis Galley. 1 Second Maſter and Pilot wounded.
Sloop commanded by Lieutenant Botham. None.

Total killed —	6
—— wounded —	19
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Philadelphia, November 17, 1777.

MY LORD,

I Cannot too highly acknowledge the ſignal Services the Army has received from the Perſeverance and Activity of the Officers and Seamen under your Lordſhip's Command, ſince the King's Troops entered Philadelphia: And I ſhall be happy, by your Lordſhip's Aſſiſtance, to have my Sentiments of them made as acceptable, and generally known as poſſible.

But my Thanks are more particularly due to Captain Duncan for his unwearied Attention and Judgment on all Occaſions; and to Captain Henry and Lieutenant Botham for the Gallantry they diſplayed on the 15th Inſtant, in the Reduction of the Enemy's Works on Mud-Iſland; which I requeſt your Lordſhip will be pleaſed to communicate to thoſe Gentlemen in the moſt diſtinguiſhed Manner.

In theſe Acknowledgments I beg to include the Captains and Crews of the Ships in the Eaſtern Channel, contributing to the Succeſs of the Attack, more immediately aſſiſted by the well-directed Fire of the Iſis. I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

(Signed) W. HOWE.

To Viſcount Howe, &c. &c. &c.

Whitehall, January 8, 1778.

THE following is Copy and Extract of Two Letters from the Honorable General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain.

Philadelphia, November 28, 1777.

MY LORD,

FROM a Variety of Difficulties attending the Conſtruction of additional Batteries, in a Moraſs, againſt the Fort upon Mud Iſland, and in the Tranſportation of the Guns and Stores, they were not opened againſt the Enemy's Defences until the 10th Inſtant. On the 15th, the Wind proving fair, the Vigilant Armed Ship, carrying 16 Twenty-four Pounders, and a Hulk, with 3 Twenty-four Pounders, got up to the Fort through the Channel between Province and Hog Iſlands; theſe, aſſiſted by ſeveral Ships of War in the Eaſtern Channel, as well as by the Batteries on Shore, did ſuch Execution upon the Fort and collateral Blockhouſes, that the Enemy, dreading an impending Aſſault, evacuated the Iſland in the Night between the 15th and 16th, and it was poſſeſſed on the 16th at Day Break by the Grenadiers of the Guards. Much Commendation is due to Brigadier-General Cleaveland, to the Officers and Men of the Corps of Artillery, and to the Troops in general employed upon this Service, attended with great Fatigue.

The Enemy's Fire upon the Ships of War the Vigilant, and Hulk, from Two Floating Batteries, Seventeen Gallies and Armed Veſſels, and from a Battery on the Jerſey Shore, was exceedingly heavy; but the Gallantry diſplayed by the Naval Commanders, their Officers and Seamen, on this Occaſion, fruſtrated all their Efforts, and contributed principally to the Reduction of the Enemy's Works. Permit me at the ſame Time to report to your Lordſhip, that the Perſeverance of the Officers and Seamen employed in bringing up Stores from the Fleet, under the Conduct of Captain Duncan of the Eagle, demand my higheſt Acknowledgments; and that the Services they rendered were moſt eſſential, and borne with the utmoſt Cheerfulneſs.

I have the Honor to incloſe a Return, N° 1, of the Cannon and Stores found in the Fort. The Enemy's Loſs during the Siege is computed to have been 400 killed and wounded. The Loſs to the King's Troops was only Seven killed and Five wounded.

On the 18th at Night Lord Cornwallis marched with a Corps from Camp, and paſſed the Delaware on the 19th from Cheſter to Billings Fort, where he was joined by Major-General Sir Thomas Wilſon, with a Corps that arrived a few Days before from New York under his Command, having with him Brigadier-Generals Leſlie and Pattiſon.

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As ſoon as the neceſſary Preparations were made, his Lordſhip purſued his March to attack the Enemy entrenched at Red Bank. Upon his Approach the Rebels evacuated the Poſt, and retired to Mount-Holly, where they joined a Corps of Obſervation, detached from the Main Army of the Rebels, encamped at White Marſh. His Lordſhip found in the Enemy's Works Cannon, Ammunition, and Stores, as *per* Return, N° 2. The Entrenchment being demoliſhed, his Corps returned by Glouceſter on the 27th, and joined the Army in this Camp.

The Enemy's Shipping having no longer any Protection, and not finding it adviſeable to attempt the Paſſage of the River, the Channel being commanded by the Batteries of the Town, and the Delaware Frigate, they were quitted, without being diſmantled, and burnt on the Night between the 20th and 21ſt; but the Gallies of a ſmaller Draught of Water, by keeping cloſe along the Jerſey Shore, eſcaped from the great Breadth of the River.

A forward Movement againſt the Enemy will immediately take Place, and I hope will be attended with the Succeſs that is due to the Spirit and Activity of His Majeſty's Troops.

The Paſſage of the River, by the Reduction of the two Places aforementioned, has been ſufficiently opened to bring up Frigates and Tranſports; but the Removal of the Chevaux de Friſe is poſtponed to a more favorable Seaſon.

Major General Sir Thomas Spencer Wilſon having repreſented the very critical Situation of his private Concerns in England, has my Leave to return, and has taken Charge of my Diſpatches to your Lordſhip, by the Eagle Packet.

With the moſt perfect Reſpect,
I have the Honor to be, &c.
W. HOWE.

Return of Ordnance and Stores found in Mud-Iſland Fort, taken from the Rebels by the King's Troops the 16th of November, 1777.

IRON ORDNANCE.

On Travelliing Carriages. 1 Thirty-two Pounder; 1 Twenty-four Pounder; 7 Eighteen Pounders; 2 unſerviceable: 1 Twelve Pounder; 2 Four Pounders.

On Garriſon Carriages. 14 Eight Pounders, 1 unſerviceable; ſunk with a Scow, of Sorts, 10.

SHOT.

Round looſe. 1475 Twenty-four Pounders; 843 Eighteen Pounders; 165 Twelve Pounders; 1100 Eight Pounders; 16 Four Pounders.

Barr. 6 Thirty two Pounders; 4 Twenty-four Pounders; 169 Eighteen Pounders.

Grape quilted. 12 Thirty-two Pounders; 84 Eighteen Pounders; 20 Twelve Pounders; 110 Eight Pounders; 8 Four Pounders.

Fixed with Powder for Twelve Pounders. 11 Caſe; 9 Grape.

Small Iron for Caſe. 4 Cwt.

Cartridges Paper filled. 65 Eight Pounders.

Sponges of Sorts, 36.

Ladles ditto, 9.

Wadhooks, 15.

Aprons of Lead, 9.

Linſtocks, 6.

Budge Barrels, 2.

Philadelphia, Nov. 18, 1777. SAMUEL CLEAVELAND, Brigadier-General commanding the Royal Artillery

Return of the Artillery and Military Stores found in the Fort of Red Bank, the 22d of November, 1777.

6 Eighteen Pounders, 1 unſerviceable; 3 Eighteen Pounders mounted on Truck Carriages, 2 unſerviceable; 2 Six Pounders mounted on ditto, ſpiked and unſerviceable; 1 Four Pounder mounted on ditto, unſerviceable; 1 Four Pounder mounted on ditto, with elevating Screw, ſpiked; 3 Four Pounders mounted on ditto, ſpiked; 1 Three Pounder mounted on ditto, ſpiked and unſerviceable; 8 Howitzer Swivels; 4 Howitzer ditto, carried off by a Naval Captain; 3 Swivels; 1 Travelling Carriage for Eighteen Pounders; 5 Truck Carriages for ditto; 1 Travelling Carriage for Nine Pounders; 4 ditto for Six Pounders; 3 Limbers for ditto.

SHOT.

Round. 506 Twenty-four Pounders; 818 Eighteen Pounders; 156 Twelve Pounders; 51 Nine Pounders; 23 Six Pounders; 1301 Four Pounders; 173 Three Pounders; 20 One Pounders; 32 Half Pounders.

Barr. 7 Twenty Four Pounders; 25 Twelve Pounders; 50 Nine Pounders; 65 Three Pounders.

Grape quilted. 14 Twelve Pounders; 54 Six Pounders; 28 Four Pounders.

Grape in Bags, 24.

Box of different Natures, 1.

Round Shot fixed to Wood Bottoms. 5 Tw Pounders; 6 Six Pounders; 6 Four Pound 16 Three Pounders.

Hand Grenades, 18.

Wadhooks, 1 Thirty-two Pounder; 1 Six Pounder.

Spunges, 1 Six Pounder; 2 Four Pounders.

Aprons of Lead, 4.

Drag Ropes, 3.

Traverſing Handſpike, 1.

Pikes, 93.

Intrenching Tools, 30.

Boxes with Ball Cartridges, 9.

Caſk with Muſquet Balls, 1.

Camp at Woodbury, Nov. 23, 1777. James Pattiſon, *Brig. General. Commander of the Royal Artillery in North America.*

Extract of a Letter from General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, dated Philadelphia the 29th of November, 1777.

THE laſt Accounts I have received from Rhode-Iſland mention a Deſcent which the Enemy threatned upon that Place about the 30th of October, and of conſiderable Preparations they had made with that Deſign; but the Diſpoſition of the Admiral and Major General Pigot to oppoſe them, together with the ſpirited Behaviour of the Inhabitants, who aſſociated for the Defence of Newport, induced them to deſiſt and ſeparate.

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